

REMARKS

The Office Action states that the claims of the application are directed to the following distinct inventions:

- Invention I, claims 1-17; and
- Invention II, claims 18-24.

The Office Action states that restriction to one of the inventions is required. Responsive to the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect for prosecution the claims corresponding to Invention I, i.e., claims 1-17, without traverse.

The Office is invited to contact the undersigned with any questions regarding this election.

Respectfully submitted,

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